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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2005, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.